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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Ross A. Donnelly et al.

Application No.: 10/016,232

Art Unit: 2825

Filed: 12/06/2001

Examiner: Magid Y. Dimyan

For: "MULTIPLE PASS OPTIMIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT PLACEMENT"

Docket No.: SYN-0182

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** A Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time (37.C.F.R. 1.136(a)) is filed herewith.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated below:

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Applicant: Ross A. Donnelly et al.

Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

Title: MULTIPLE PASS OPTIMIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC  
ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT PLACEMENT

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

**Initial Comments**

Claims 12-18 are pending in the present application.  
Claims 12-18 are allowed. Claims 1-11 and 19-20 are cancelled  
herein.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and 19-20.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 12-18 are pending in the present Application.  
Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

If there are any questions, please telephone the  
undersigned at 408-451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this  
case.

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